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Brothers and Sisters,

I want to take a moment to address rumors circulating on the Amtrak property in connection with the possibility of a strike or job action. These rumors are misplaced and the BMWED is **NOT** planning to engage in a strike on Amtrak; with a potential strike looming Friday, May 16 at 12:01 a.m., New Jersey Transit (NJT) locomotive engineers represented by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) protested outside the railroad's headquarters alongside dozens of their fellow Teamsters.

If members are forced to the picket line, this would be the first strike at NJT since one that lasted for over a month in 1983. The 450 locomotive engineers employed by NJT haven't received a raise since 2019, when their contract first became amendable. Since then, the railroad has spent half-a-billion dollars on an unnecessary new headquarters, all while refusing to offer railroaders an agreement that pays the industry standard.

For now, we will continue to watch and see how the contract dispute resolves. Having said that, please don't misunderstand me. In solidarity, we honor picket lines. Always. BMWED members do not cross picket lines. Ever. The only people who cross picket lines are scabs and contractors. An Injury to One is an Injury to All.

In solidarity,

Anthony Sessa
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